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Price, \$24 per Annum.

NOTICE TO THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALLEN, Esq., Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, GLOBE STREET, 30, Cornhill; GORDON & GOTHE, 121, Holborn Hill; E.C.; BATES, HENRY & CO., 4, Old Jewry; E.C.; SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK, LONDON, WIND, 150, New Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTHE, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BROWN & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA.—SOUTHERN & CAMPBELL, Amoy; CHILDS & CO., Foochow; HEDGES & CO., Shanghai; LAM, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO., Manila; COOPER & CO., Macao; L. A. DA GRADA.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
I have this day authorized Mr. J. Y. V. Shaw to sign my name per procura-
tion.
A. MAGG. HEATON,
Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

FROM this date and until further notice, Mr. G. DE CHAMPAUX will act, at this Port, as Agent of the above Company. By Order of the Directors.

O. BERTHARD,

Hongkong, January 29, 1876.

NOTICE.

The interest and responsibility of the late Mr. SIDNEY DEACON in our Firm, ceased on the 1st September last.

Mr. ALFRED T. DUVAU was admitted a Partner therein on the 1st ultimo.

DEACON & CO.,
Canton, February 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

M. OTTO GRAF has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from 1st January, 1876.

E. MEYER & CO.,
Tientsin, January 1876.

NOTICE.

We have established branches of our Firm at Haiphong and Haon. Mr. E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & CO.,
Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th February Next, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers, HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, January 17, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have entered into Co-partnership with the First day of January, 1876, in the Business of Shipbrokers at this Port, under the style of Morris & Ray.

A. G. MORRIS,
M. C. RAY,
Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

NOTICE.

HAVING resigned my situation in the Yuen Fat Ho, I have this day established myself as Merchant and Commission Agent under the style of SUN GHEE & CO.

C. SUN GHEE,
Hongkong, November 11, 1875.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between JOSEPH THORNE and JOHN ANDREW MAITLAND, under the style of THORNE & CO., in this day dissolved by effusion of time; either partner is authorized to sign the firm in liquidation.

THORNE BROTHERS & CO.,
Dec. 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

WITH reference to the above, the Business of the late Firm of Thorne Brothers & Co. will be conducted in future by the Undersigned, under the style of MAITLAND & CO., and Mr. JOHN GRANGE PUDSON is authorized to sign the firm.

J. A. MAITLAND,
Shanghai, Jan. 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

REFERRING to the foregoing advertisement, our Firm at Shanghai is temporarily closed from this date; its outstanding business will be attended to by Mr. JOHN G. PUDDON, to whom all communications should be addressed.

Our Firm and business at Hongkong, Foochow, and Canton, will be carried on as heretofore, the interest and responsibility of Mr. JOHN G. PUDDON remaining therein unchanged.

PUDDON & CO.,
China, Jan. 1, 1876.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

TELEGRAPHIC BOOKS, for the use of ladies and gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price 2/- each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Intimations.

WANTED.

A CAPTAIN for STEAM TUG "FAME," Apply to the Secretary, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited.

NOTICE.

In the Estate of SIDNEY DEACON, deceased.

All Persons having CLAIMS against

the above Estate, are requested to forward the same to the Undersigned at once; and all Persons indebted to the Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to

G. M. SMITH, Attorney for the Executors.

Canton, February 1, 1876.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the Shareholders in the CORPORATION will be held at the CIVIC HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 17th instant, at Two o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1875.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager,

Hongkong, February 8, 1876.

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Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

JANE CRAWFORD & CO. will sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Room, Praya, on

FRIDAY.

the 11th February, 1876, at Noon—Tumblers, Carises and Tops, Heart's Bugs, Bunting, Accordions, Vases, Lamps, etc.

20 drums Hubbuck's Pale Boiled Oil

25 drums Turpentine.

10 cases Verandan Railings

10 sheets Red Copper, 8 x 4 x 1.

10 " " 8 x 4 x 1.

5 " " 8 x 4 x 1.

25 cases Swaine, Board's Old Tom.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery

in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, Feb. 8, 1876.

fold

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on THURSDAY, the 17th FEBRUARY next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Account to 31st DECEMBER, 1875, the Report of the General Manager, and to elect a Consulting Committee of Auditors.

JARDOINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers,

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, January 17, 1876.

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Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREES OF

7TH AND 8TH MARCH, 1843.

—OR—

BY IMPERIAL DECREES OF 25TH JULY, 1854,

AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1866.

Recognized by the

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF

30TH APRIL, 1862.

France. £ Sterling.

PAID-UP CAPITAL... 80,000,000 8,200,000

RESERVE FUND,... 20,000,000 800,000

—OR—

HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue Berger, Paris.

LONDON AGENT.—144, Leadenhall St., E.C.

AGENCIES.—At Nantes, Lyons, Mar-

seilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta,

St. Denis (le de la Réunion), Hong-

kong, Shanghai and Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS.—Bank of England,

Union Bank of London:

—OR—

HONGKONG AGENCY.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account, at the rate

of 2 per cent. per annum on the

monthly subsisting balance, and on Fixed

Deposits at rates which may be ascertained

at the offices:

CHR. DE GUIGNE,

Manager.

Office in Hongkong, Bank Buildings,

Queen's Road,

Hongkong, May 14, 1876.

fold

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account, at the rate

of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily

balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Locat Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities

and every Description of Banking and

Exchange business transacted.

Depts. granted on London, and the

chief Commercial places in Europe, India,

Australia, America, China and Japan.

If such an exemption shall have been

claimed and established, or such want of

qualification duly proved, at or before the

time above specified.

J. S. HUMPHREY,

Deputy Manager.

Office of the Corporation.

No. 1, Queen's Road East,

Hongkong, January 27, 1876.

fold

NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the Jury List for 1876 is

posted at the Supreme Court House

For Sale.

TAKASIMA COLLIERIES.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.

FOR SALE.

FRESH Takasima COAL, in lots to suit purchasers. Largo Handpicked, Double-screened at \$8 per Ton. Small, at \$6 per Ton.

Apply to

T. G. GLOVER,
No. 7, Queen's Road and at East Point,
Hongkong, December 3, 1875.

DUC DE MONTEBELLO CARTE
BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE.
Quarts, \$15 per case (1 dozen).
Pints, \$16 (2)
5 per cent. discount on 25 cases.

Bourbon WHISKY.

\$12 per case (1 dozen).

For Sale by

HEARD & CO.

Hongkong, June 22, 1875.

Notices to Consignees.

S. S. ARGYLL,
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Steamer are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed at their risk
by the Undersigned and stored at their
Godowns, whence and from the Wharf and
or Boats delivery may be obtained.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
11th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Hongkong, February 4, 1876.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP "CROOUS,"
Joy, Master, FROM LONDON V/V
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Steamer are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed at their risk
in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take their Goods

from the boats alongside the Wharf, are at
liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 11th

instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary is given until 12
o'clock on the 1st February.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

WM. PUSTAU & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 31, 1876.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer
"Stentor," are hereby notified that the
Cargo is being discharged into craft, and
landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned,
in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk.
The Cargo will be ready for delivery from
Godown on and after the 8th February,
1876.

Goods undelivered after 15th February,

1876, will be subject to rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1876.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Hindostan, Captain T. S.
GARDNER, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature and to take immediate delivery
of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at
once landed and stored at their risk and
expense.DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1876.

BRITISH SHIP GRYFF, FROM
LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
named Vessel are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
vessel, will be landed and stored at Con-

signees' risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1875.

BRITISH BARK COLDSTREAM,
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
named Vessel are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

signees' risk and expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

WM. PUSTAU & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 8, 1876.

FROM LIVERPOOL, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Russian Steamer "Batarek" having
arrived from the above ports. Consignees
of Cargo by her are requested to
send their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
once landed and stored at their risk and
expense.LANDSTEIN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 7, 1876.

Notices to Consignees.

BRITISH BARK MARINA,
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
named Vessel are requested to send
in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
vessel, will be landed and stored at Con-

signees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1876.

ARRIVALS.

ARRIVED.—Per Yesso, Meiggs' Gittens,
Drew, Gair, Darymple, Kerr and Tennent,
H. E. The Total of Swatow, and 57 China-
men.

Per Norma, 40 Chinese.

Per Permanba, 5 Chinese.

Per Prosperity, 5 Chinese.

DEPARTED.—Per Consolidation, 40 Chinese.

To Depart.—Per Fardo, 47 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Norma reports: fine
weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer Yesso reports: from
Foochow to Amoy light variable winds and
foggy weather; Amoy to Swatow fresh
monsoon wind clear weather; Swatow to
Hongkong moderate monsoon and cloudy
weather; in Foochow: H.M.S. Hedgehog,
Formosa and Hoaching. Steamer Esmeralda,
Formosa and Hoaching. Steamer Esmeralda
left for Shanghai at 5 p.m. In Swatow, str.
Ningpo and Foochow. On afternoon of the
6th passed two steamers bound North.

The Siamese barque Prosperity reports:
fine weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer Permanba reports:
strong N.E. monsoon and fine weather
throughout.

CARGO.

Per Friar, Hongkong to London, 27,000
lbs. Cigout Tea.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL OPEN:

For YOKOHAMA.

Per ORISSA, at 8.30 a.m. on Thursday,
the 10th Inst.

For SHANGHAI.

Per STENTOR, at 11.30 a.m. on Thurs-
day, the 10th Instant.

For SAIGON.

Per PERUVIA, at 5 p.m. To-morrow,
the 10th Inst.

For SHANGHAI.

Per BATRAK, at 5 p.m. To-morrow,
the 10th Instant, instead of as pre-
viously notified.

For MANILA.

Per ESMERALDA, at 10.30 a.m. on
Saturday, the 12th instant.For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CAL-
CUTTA.Per Indian Mail Packet HINDOSTAN
and ARGYLL, at 2.30 p.m. on
Saturday, the 12th Inst.

For COOKTOWN.

Per CITY OF EXETER, at 1.30 p.m.
on Monday, the 16th Inst., instead
of as previously notified.For SINGAPORE, SOMERSET, COOK-
TOWN, OCEANVIEW, BOW-
EN, ROCKHAMPTON, KEPPEL
BAY, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, TAS-
MANIA and MELBOURNE.

Per BOWEN, at 1.30 p.m. on Monday,
the 14th Inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet ANADYR,
will be despatched on THURSDAY,
the 10th February, with Mails to and
through the United Kingdom via
Marseille to Europe, Saigon, Singa-
pore, Galle, Madras, Calcutta,
Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alex-
andria.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.

Wednesday, 9th Feb.

5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the Night Box,
which remains open all night.

Thursday, 10th Feb.

7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

11.30 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late
Letters.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office.

Hongkong, January 27, 1876.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet CITY OF
PEKING will be despatched on THURSDAY,
the 15th Inst., at 3 p.m. with the
Mails.

For Yokohama, San Francisco, the United
States and the United Kingdom.

The Post Office will be open for the
receipt of Ordinary Letters, Books, News-
papers, &c., until 2.30 p.m.

Letters can be posted on board the Packet
from 2.30 p.m. to 2.50 p.m. on payment
of a Late Fee of 12 cents in addition
to the Postage.

The prepayment of the Postage to all the
above places by this route is compul-
sory. Correspondence insufficiently
prepared will be forwarded by the Eng-
lish Packet.

Correspondence addressed to Yokohama,
and the United States must be super-
scripted per City of Peking, and that
addressed to the United Kingdom must
be superscribed "via San Francisco."

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office.

Hongkong, Feb. 4, 1876.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet GVALIOR,
will be despatched with the Mails for
Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the
17th Inst.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.

Wednesday, 16th Inst.

5 P.M. Money Order Office closes.

6 P.M. Post Office closes except the Night
Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 17th Inst.

7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late
Letters, Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 A.M. Letters may be posted or
payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents
extra Postage until

11 A.M. when the Post Office closes
entirely.

DEPARTURE.

Feb. 9. Lemori for Swatow, 48.

8. Atalanta for Amoy, 7.

9. Ampul for Bangkok, 1.

9. Constitution for Singapore, 1.

CULLATON.

Charles Murray, for Tientsin,
Shantou for Shanghai.

Kate Writers, for Sodan.

Blanche Petrie, for Hongkong.

Elizabeth, for Bangkok.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 9. Norma, British steamer, 608,
Walker, Swatow Feb. 8, General (Oranges),

KWO ACHONG.

Feb. 9. Yesso, British steamer, 550, J.

E. Puncharat, Foochow Feb. 8. Amoy 7.

Swatow 8. General—D. LAPRAK & Co.

Feb. 9. Permanba, Brit. steamer, 643,
William Hyde, Saigon Feb. 4, Rice.

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Feb. 9. Prosperity, Siamese barque, 474,
E. Müller, Amoy Feb. 6, Beans—TOM

FAT HONO.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 9. Lemori for Swatow, 48.

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CULLATON.

Charles Murray, for Tientsin,
Shantou for Shanghai.</

carried into the mainland of China, and as a proof of their currency in the interior, they have reached a high premium, while the Hongkong dollars are at a discount of more than ten per cent.

The *Straits Times* says:—"There is a report current that His Excellency Sir William Drummond Jervis has resigned. We do not know what truth there may be in this report, but we should not be at all surprised to find it true, and we are perfectly certain that His Excellency will carry with him the warm sympathy of the three Settlements." If true, this action will, we presume, have been taken in view of home disapproval of his policy with regard to annexing or "administering" Perak.

At the Marine Court to-day, H. Ryding, cook of the steamer *Stentor*, was charged with being absent without leave and ordered to forfeit 2 days' pay.

Adam Wilson, boatswain of the British barque *Craigie Lee*, was charged with stealing ship's stores during the voyage from Newcastle to Hongkong, and further with making away with ship's property since her arrival in port. The Captain said he had missed various articles during the voyage, amongst which were two or three sheets of metal, a new tarpaulin and a large snatch-block. These things were under the defendant's charge, as he was boatswain of the ship.—Charles Dupin, a boy on board, stated that he had seen the boatswain on the 11th Nov., about 3 p.m., take a bag and a chisel and go into the after hold, where the sugar was kept, and return shortly afterwards with about 6 lbs. of sugar. He did not inform on him as he was afraid he might be in the boatswain's watch. He had none of the sugar. He on another occasion saw some wire rigging passed up from the fore-hold, which could not say what became of it. Since arriving at Hongkong on the 18th ultmo, he had seen defendant turn a sack of rope (shakings) overboard.—Charles Miller, an A. E., gave evidence as to the rope being thrown overboard, and also three coils of wire. On one occasion he had seen him throw a plank, 20 feet long, overboard.—The defendant denied the charge, and called the carpenter to support him. The carpenter, Gilbert, said he measured with the defendant, and he had bought some sugar in Newcastle for his own use. The defendant was allowed to use it. He never saw him with any sugar except that which he was allowed. Several things had been missed from the ship, but he could not say who took them.—The defendant was ordered to pay \$13, the value of the missing articles, and be discharged from the ship.

Messrs HEDGE & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, dated Pagoda Anchorage, 5th Feb., gives the following:

British ship *Birkir*, was fined 25 cents for being drunk.

UNLICENSED FLYING FOR HIRE.

Pang Moon-ti, a boatman, was charged with flying for hire without a license by Mr. Wm. McLean, Inspector of Cargo boats to the Harbour Master's department. He had been told to get his boat ready for inspection towards the end of last year, in order that a new license might be granted to him. He did not do so and yet continued to fly.

A DRUNKEN SOLDIER.

Michael Horton, a private, H. M. 29th Regiment, was charged with making a disturbance in a hotel and assaulting an inmate therein. He appeared to have gone there sober and returned to it drunk. He accused the inmate of having stolen \$4 from her, and broke a door.—Constable Jones, No. 134, was called in, but he found the defendant in Cockayne Street with his coat off. He was drunk and charged the second steward of the *City of Peking* with stealing \$4 from him. The Constable spoke to the steward, who said the defendant wanted to strike a Chinaman and he prevented him. Jones then took the soldier to the Station, but he was very violent, so that other assistance had to be obtained. The second steward said he was going along in a chair when the defendant ran up, seized one of the chair-coolies and charged him with stealing \$4 from him. The steward then made the men set down the chair and got out of it himself. He next charged the steward with stealing the money from him, saying he was the "boss" of the house. He had created quite an excitement. Sergeant Bayes of the C. Company, gave the defendant a very good character. He had however joined shortly before departure from Malta. Fined \$3.

TREBASS.

Chan Atim, a servant, who was charged with being found on the premises of Mr. E. Moore, was again brought up, and fined \$2.

CONTINUOUS NEGLIGENCE.

Kwok Asing, a boatman, was charged by Chu Angen, a Water Policeman, with coming into collision with his police boat, and breaking an oar. The defendant and the complainant came right across the bows of his boat and thus caused the accident. The Magistrate discharged the case, holding that there was no criminal offence, but suggesting that each should pay one half the damage as contributory negligence appeared to have existed. The defendant signified his willingness to do so.

LARCENY.

Chan Yook Wong was remanded on a charge of stealing a box from a Chinese passenger who arrived by the *Stentor* from Singapore yesterday. The box which contained \$86, and clothing to the value of \$55, was stolen suddenly from the complainant, and the defendant was afterwards found in possession of it.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A REQUIREMENT.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, February 9, 1876.

SIR.—Will you permit me, through your columns, to call the attention of the authorities to a great requirement in our municipal arrangements, viz., street latrines? There is a total absence of attention in this Colony to accommodation of this kind; and the fact is frequently remarked upon, especially by strangers. Surely the expense would not be ruinous, as two or three on the principal thoroughfares would be sufficient. Trusting the authorities may take the hint,

I am, &c.

A. B. C.

China.

FOOCHOW.

(Herald, February 3.)

Now that H. B. M.'s *Midge* has arrived, her gallant officers and crew will, we trust, afford the community the inestimable privilege of witnessing a second dramatic entertainment of the same excellent character as the representation given last night.

We hear that a Chinese pilot boat, belonging to this Port, with two Europeans on board, very nearly came to grief between Turnabout Island and the White Dog, during the stormy weather of last week. The great exertions were necessary in order to get the little vessel safely into port. She is said to be badly found as a sea-going craft.

The natives report that a blight has fallen on the numerous Mok-lee plantations in the neighbourhood of the Settlement. This report is, to a certain extent, confirmed by our own observations, but it remains to be seen if the calamity is so widespread as it is asserted to be. The firer of the Mok-lee, as most of our readers are aware, used in the preparation of Scented Tea.

A large Swatow junk, laden with a miscellaneous cargo, was burnt at her moorings near the Long Bridge, on Sunday morning last. The fire is supposed to have been caused by an incendiary. Fortunately, the wind was blowing straight down the river at the time, otherwise the fire would have spread and probably destroyed a number of other vessels that were moored in the same line.

The Provincial Government has on hand a few heavy pieces of modern ordnance, which, we are sure, be delighted to get into position, if it only knew how to accomplish that desirable end. Some of these guns are mounted at the Mamor Arsenal, others are buried in the mud of Taku. All are useless to their present owners, who are long, will, no doubt, be obliged to dispose of them as old metal.

Many of our readers may have noticed the inconvenience occasioned by the conveyance of poles of timber through the narrow and crowded streets of the Settlement. It may not, however, be generally known that the method of transporting timber is adopted, in preference to the easier water route, with a view to evading the custom duty which is usually collected

above bridge. The saving thus effected is estimated at a very trifling sum per pole.

The "Cunashaw" nuisance, to which we referred in our last number, is not confined to *Chair-coolies*. The boating population—men, women, and children—have paraded the Settlement during the last week, levying black-mail on foreigners indiscriminately. The women—older than the men—have been loudest in their appeals for any sum of less value than a dollar being, apparently, beneath their notice. These hard-boned daughters of Han pursued many a timid and irresolute bachelor, with a perseverance worthy of a better cause; in many cases ruthlessly invading the unfortunate man's private apartments.

It is rumoured that H. M.'s Government seriously contemplate the erection of a flag-staff in front of the British Consulate. We were under the impression that he had arranged last summer, but it appears that the white ants had taken possession of the pole long before it became the property of H. M.'s Government; in other words, the new flagstaff was rotten! It is, at least, interesting to learn, even at this late hour, that the matter has not altogether escaped the notice of the Authorities. The British flag was last seen flying from H. B. M.'s Consulate in 1866. It is now 1876. Cousin Jonathan may well now add little Denmark exult!

The following extraordinary letter was received on Monday, by the Editor of this journal:—"It is here with honour to write to you by this during the day that I visited in the office of you and obtained your worthiness commanded since I left the time is also two days now I am waiting outside again but the master in finally it is and anxious you kindly let me have the information. Furthermore am I wishes very much and bug tenderly would cause me to possess the same as my letter before either containing or mentioned." What did this individual want?—A Cunashaw! Did he get it?—Yes! and, we think, that, on obvious grounds, he fully deserved it.

The Races at Amoy appear to have passed off to the satisfaction of everybody, more particularly the visitors. The first day of the meeting was very enjoyable—owing to the splendid weather; but on the second day, the course was heavy, both for man and beast, in consequence of a sharp fall of rain on the previous night. The racing on both days was extremely good, and several cups were carried off by Foochow-owned ponies. Our correspondent notes, with evident pleasure, the favor bestowed on the Amoy turf by the ladies—all of whom, with a very few exceptions, honoured the meeting by being present. The heaviest bet reported was to the extent of \$5, between two owners of horse flesh—but canny Scots. On the Thursday and Friday following, there was a Cricket Match—Hongkong v. Coast Ports—which was won by the Hongkong-ites by 48 runs. A Theatrical performance on Thursday evening, was a great success. The pieces represented were—"On Delicate Ground," and "Betsey Baker." Two lady residents kindly assisted. On Friday evening, the Hongkong-ites were defeated at both bowls and billiards, and sustained a further defeat on the following day, when Amoy was victorious at Rackets. Sunday, despite the protest of a few "uncle" guid people, was devoted to another day's outing, a monster picnic bringing the week's festivities to a close. The visitors speak in the highest terms, we understand, of the kindness and hospitality of the residents.

They manage some matters better at Hongkong. For firing crackers after the archery, 233 Chinese house-holders were fined \$1 each, on the 27th ultmo.

After making some severe remarks against the British Registration Tax imposition, the *Herald* thus concludes:—

Is not the British Government—with an annual revenue of £75,000,000, about £6,000,000 of which is derived from the tea duties alone—under some sort of obligation, irrespective of this petty and most vexatious tax, to afford protection to the merchants and others through whose industry and enterprise the Empire at large is benefited? There are, at a rough guess, about 2,000 British subjects resident in China and Japan (we do not include Hongkong). Many of these evade payment of the tax. Others—mechanics and artisans—pay only \$2 per annum; but for the sake of argument, we will allow that all comply with the Order in Council.—What a miserable result! Is it not plain as day that if the Government abandoned the hated impost to-morrow, England would not miss the wretched amount, and a fertile source of discontent would be removed.

It appears to us that the primary registration fee is not so much obnoxious

to it as utterly worthless for any practical

purpose—except as a bare acknowledgment

of the holder being a British subject—we do not feel that we overstated the bounds of fair criticism. In the event of the holder getting into trouble with the natives up-country, the production of such a document would have about as much effect on the minds of the sturdy Celestials as a copy of (we do not say it irreverently) the *China Mail*. Yet the holder is requested to keep it carefully, if he would avoid delay and inconvenience while resident or travelling in China.

If the tax is to be continued, the British community might surely get a more intelligible document for their money—printed both in Chinese and English.

SHANGHAI
(*Courier of Gazette*)

There appears to be a good deal of swindling going on just now among the Chinese in the way of passing false notes. A gentleman from the North, named Wang Wei-ling, was recently brought up at the French Mixed Court on a charge of having purchased about ten taels' worth of prepared opium of a dealer named Oh-o, and tendering forged notes in payment. The accused was stimulated by intense indignation at being suspected of such a crime, and said that he was a simple, newly arrived in

Shanghai; and proudly informed the Court that he was a Manchu and a "ch'ü-pai-ch'i-jin" (a White Banner man). He was searched, nevertheless, in spite of his aristocratic pretensions, and upon his person were found several more notes, fä-similes of those he had already attempted to pass. The wé-yuen in charge accordingly packed him off to the Che-hien's yamen in the city.

We are given to understand that there is a possibility of the *Jiaozi* being reconstituted. Nothing has been decided hitherto, we believe, and we are not in a position to state whether its reappearance depends upon pecuniary or proprietary considerations; the printing-press, as our readers no doubt remember, used to be of a somewhat restive disposition, and required periodic holocausts of pigs and oranges to keep it in a good temper. We hope however, that the present negotiations, whatever their nature may be, will prove successful, and that the deserving object of the promoters may be sooner or later achieved.

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